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Gentrification Impacts Globeville *Community Expansion Displaces Lower Income Families*

Elisia Medina
STUDENT WRITER

There are often significant signs of population increases in any community, from new housing developments, to interstate expansion, to the gentrification of long-standing communities. The Denver-area neighborhood known as Globeville is one community directly impacted by this practice. Globeville is close to Regis University, and many of our students live in this community.

According to PBS, gentrification is “a general term for the arrival of wealthier people in an existing urban district, a related increase in rents and property values, and changes in the district’s

character and culture. The term is often used negatively, suggesting the displacement of poor communities by rich outsiders. But the effects of gentrification are complex and contradictory, and its

into this complex issue.

Like substantial renovations in the Northside and Highland communities before it, Globeville residents are wary of the significant change this new development might bring.

Environmental Health indicates the median income of Globeville residents is \$39,200, while the median income of Denver as a whole is \$73,100. The income disparity between old and new Globeville

residents might also impact displaced residents’ ability to find affordable housing.

As more communities closely tied to Regis University experience the often dynamic and complex issues tied to gentrification, it is important to recognize the potential human cost. As a community-oriented publication rooted in Ignatian educational values, please look for an ongoing discussion of this often-divisive issues.

For more information on growth in Denver, see Page 7.



Sign seen entering Globeville.
//Frances Meng-Frecker

real impact varies.”

Globeville is an interesting case study for the impact of gentrification in our community and, in conjunction with the upcoming Interstate 70 expansion starting in early 2018, provides insight

According to the Denver Office of Economic Development, residents in Globeville could face involuntary displacement with the increase in new (and increasingly more affluent) residents. The Denver Department of En-

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One Goal at a Time

Evan Anderson
STAFF REPORTER

The Regis men's soccer team further demonstrated their resilience and enduring team chemistry following their 3-2 victory against Metro State on Sunday. Their victory marks the team's 9th victory in 11 games as they prepare for the RMAC tournament beginning in November.

Head coach Tony McCall credits the team's success towards the player's ability to believe in themselves. As the season began, McCall maintained a constant presence among the players but has sense let the players take more control. "We have 15 new players from last year so for us initially it was to make sure that the players gelled and that the chemistry was good among the group." Admittedly McCall mentioned, "we're surprised that the chemistry is so good after such as short period of time. Once that chemistry is in place and you have good players

then smart coaches are going to get out of the way as much as they can and let the guys play."

Fortunately, the player's strong commitment has enabled McCall to instill faith within his group. "They're doing what they need to do. They're working hard in train-

While the team has plenty of reasons to celebrate so far this season, areas of weakness remain including team dynamics, something McCall wants to address before the RMAC tournament. During many points of the season to date, the team has relied a heavy defensive presence.

McCall has stressed the importance of playing both sides of the ball and focusing on quick transitions from defense to offense. Players are confident that additional practice will better the team and place themselves in excellent position come November.

An additional key towards the team success has been to take the season one game at a time, trying to avoid any ultimate goals. "Really what we're trying to do" mentioned McCall, "is to get the guys to understand that you can only control what you can control, and there is only so much that you can control. That is working hard each day and continually trying to get better." McCall added that small improvements every day eventually culminate, and the big goals will take care of themselves.



Sophomore, Sindri Kristinsson
//Natalie Scott

ing, and they have a good concept of what were trying to do."

Hard Hit to the Head

Danny Rolander
STUDENT WRITER

Concussions have always been a common injury in the athletic world, but they've generated more attention over the past few years due to increasing evidence of long-term consequences related to blows to the head. Whether in professional- or youth-level competition, athletes who sustain concussions deal with a variety of symptoms, including headaches, confusion and memory loss.

Depending on the severity of the concussion, athletes are often required to go through a concussion protocol to determine what kind of concussion they have and whether they can resume play. This is because concussions not only restrict someone from participating in various activities; they can also cause permanent

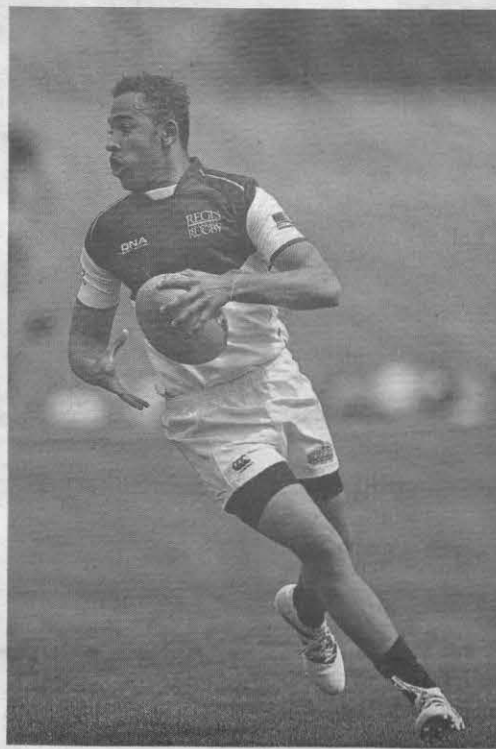
brain damage and a hinder development. NFL players such as Carolina Panthers Quarterback Cam Newton and Washington Redskins Tight End Jordan Reed are two players who recently had to sit out of games because they weren't cleared to play.

The issue is something that hits close to home here at Regis, as well. When discussing his experience sustaining two concussions last year, soph-

omore Ian Brown, a rugby player for Regis, said, "You find that you have to be much more cautious when playing because of the high

risk of getting another concussion."

With all of the injuries you can sustain in sports, concussions can be one of the most severe if not handled correctly or safely. Taking all the correct precautions will allow you to keep your head in the game, not out!



Sophomore Ian Brown
//Photo Courtesy of Regis University Rugby

Campus Life

How Does Campus Security Keep Regis Safe?

Espe Pinedo
STUDENT WRITER

Recently, Backgroundchecks.org ranked Regis University the fifth safest college in Colorado. Out-ranking the schools in the University of Colorado system, Colorado State University, and University of Denver. So how does Manny Amado, Director of Campus Safety, keep our campus safe? Well, one safety measure is the security cameras around campus. During an officer's shift, they check for any obstruction from plants or other objects that may

be covering the lights or cameras. Keeping lights and cameras free from obstruction allows students to maneuver campus with clear lighting and surveillance. Director of Campus Safety also has a rigorous check-list for new security officers. During an interview with Mandy Amado, he expressed how he chooses new security officers, "Before hiring a new security guard, I make sure that he or she understands the values that Regis hold and how they will apply to this job. This is not a job to come and collect your

pay check; it is more than that." The security officers seen around campus have a good understanding



Regis campus safety crest
//Marley Weaver-Gabel

of Regis' values and culture and this might be why Regis is a safe campus.

According to Amado, the number one improvement that campus safety has

done over the past year has been community outreach. Over the year campus safety's website has improved to work with the community outreach message that the Amado wants to implement. He wants to make sure that students and faculty understand the various resources through the website. Amado wants the community to know that campus safety is here to answer any questions or talk about any concerns.

To learn more visit campus safety in Main Hall 129 or at regis.edu/campussafety.

Humans of Regis:

Damala Isik

Samantha Jewell
ASSOCIATE EDITOR -
PERSPECTIVES

Highlander: What brought you to Regis?

Isik: I actually got my job at Regis on the second interview. I met students that I really enjoyed. I really like teaching and that is what this school is about, being able to teach our students. I also really like the school's mission and the

community involvement and the importance the school places on the involvement inside the school community and the community surround the school.

H: Tell us a little bit more about the courses that you teach.

I: I teach a course on Women and Gender in the Middle East.

My PhD is in Anthropology and I did my masters studies on Women and Gender studies from Turkey and studies in the Middle East. I like to be able to give my students a complex sense of the region from a raw

perspective.

I also teach different anthropology courses, and Animal Rights RCC, a Manga and Anime RCC course as well. Regis has given me the capability to teach

courses on topics that interest me and I really love that I have that freedom.

H: Tell us about your career.

I: I spend my summers in Turkey. My PhD dissertation was on women's labor, primarily on women weavers. I have been doing research on Islamic charitable foundations and how they

are helping the poor. I have been researching how different foundations define poverty, and who they are giving money to. I also spend time visiting my family in Turkey.

H: What has been your fondest memory teaching at Regis?

I: I guess I am not going to say one memory. The thing that does stay with me the most is the long term relationships that I have been able to make with students. I love when students take my Intro to Anthropology course and then they continue to take courses and I am able to see the students grow. Several students that I have worked with stay in touch with me after they graduate and I enjoy that.

H: Is there anything else you would like the Regis community to know?

I: I just really like being here. I like the school, I like the students. I am really lucky to be here, I love what I do.



Damla Isik poses with Natalie Scott
//Photo courtesy of Natalie Scott

National Coming Out Day

Natalia Zreliak
LEAD ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The Regis Community in conjunction with the Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) and the Office of Counseling and Personal Development celebrated National Coming Out Day on Oct. 11.

National Coming Out Day was founded in the United States in 1988 and is observed annually to bring awareness to the LGBT community and the issues and injustice that they face. Homophobia is strongest in an environment where silence and ignorance are dominant. National Coming Out Day strikes out against the silence and encourages the community to speak out in support of acceptance and respect for the LGBT community.

On campus the organizations tabled out in the student center in order to promote awareness and acceptance and open up a dialogue with Regis students. In conjunction, earlier in the week the GSA hosted "Coming Out Stories;" an event in which members and allies of the LGBT community were invited to hear community members share some of their coming out stories.



OCTOBER 11

NATIONAL
COMING
OUT
DAY...

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Nation & In Our State

Regis Debate Team Policy Breakdowns, Continued

Donald Trump on Health Care

Repeal and replace Obamacare.
•Work with Congress to create a patient-centered health care system.

•Work with states to establish high-risk pools to ensure access to coverage for individuals who have not maintained continuous coverage.

•Allow people to purchase insurance across state lines.

•Maximize flexibility for states via block grants so that local leaders can design innovative Medicaid programs that will better serve their low-income citizens.



//Photo courtesy of Jezebel.com

Trump claims, "I'm a conservative on most issues but a liberal on health. Working out detailed plans will take time. But the goal should be clear: Our people are our greatest asset. We must take care of our own. We must have universal healthcare."

For more information visit: http://www.ontheissues.org/2016/Donald_Trump_Health_Care.htm

Jill Stein on Health Care

Jill Stein is opposed to Obamacare and wants an all-inclusive Medicare type system.

"Obamacare was basically a boondoggle for insurance companies and pharmaceutical companies. What we need is a Medicare -for-all system. Right now, we pay a health care tax but we don't call it a tax. It's premiums, co-pays and insurance payments that are actually robbing us blind," says Stein.

For more information visit: <http://2016.presidential-candidates.org/JStein/?on=health-care>



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Hillary Clinton on Health Care

Hillary Clinton would like to expand on the Affordable Care Act in order to lower out-of-pocket costs, decrease the price of prescription drugs, and defend access to reproductive health care. She would also like to implement tax credits to families with outstanding healthcare costs.



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"As your president, I want to build on the progress we've made. I'll do more to bring down health care costs for families, ease burdens on small businesses, and make sure consumers have the choices they deserve," says Clinton.

For more information visit: <https://www.hillaryclinton.com/issues/health-care/>

Gary Johnson on Health Care

Johnson asserts the capacity of a free market economy to lower healthcare costs, and, thus, aims to deregulate the healthcare sector in order that it will provide the highest quality care at fair prices independently through market regulation. Johnson believes current cost problems are due to too much regulation.



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Johnson explains, "...fixing what is broken is very simply bringing competition to healthcare...It's the notion that you would have more choices, the notion that there would be better healthcare and the notion that it would cost less."

For more information visit: <http://kfoxtv.com/news/local/gary-johnson-speaks-to-kfox14-on-border-security-healthcare>

Propositions on Colorado Ballot in 2016

Proposition 106: health

Zhong Mei Sweeny
STUDENT WRITER

On November 8th, residents of Colorado have plenty to think about, outside of the decision between Trump and Hillary. But what else is there? There are nine ballot initiatives that will be voted on in the state of Colorado and, while the media only covers which presidential candidate has the best comeback, we're covering the issues you need to know about. One of these issues is Proposition 106.

This proposal, also known as "End of Life Options Act," states that any person who is terminally ill and will pass away within six months may take lethal drugs to voluntarily die. It also states that the patient may not be coerced and any person who tries will be criminalized. Patients must be 18 and mentally capable to receive medication as well as have two physicians confirm the diagnosis.

The supporters of this proposition call it a compassion act, and are estimated to include over 70% of voters, including Governor John Hickenlooper. The primary opposition to this proposition is the Archdiocese of Denver. The argument for the proposition claims it is a human right for people to end their own suffering. However, the conflicting side argues against by saying that health insurance companies will refuse to pay for treatment making assisted suicide an economic option. Whichever side you fall on, be sure to get out there and vote!

Proposition 107 & 108: voting

Maggie Lacy
STUDENT WRITER

On November 8, Coloradans will be voting on Propositions 107 and 108. According to the Colorado 2016 State Ballot Information Booklet, Proposition 107 "proposes amending the Colorado statutes to establish a presidential primary election in Colorado that allows participation by unaffiliated voters." Currently, Colorado operates with a caucus system in which affiliated voters publicly cast their vote for presidential candidates, whereas, in the primary system, both affiliated and unaffiliated voters would receive a ballot in the mail.

The official arguments in favor of Proposition 107 are that it will allow for the estimated 1 million unaffiliated Colorado voters to have a say in presidential primaries, it will eliminate logistical difficulties of a caucus system, and protect voter confidentiality. However, the official arguments against the proposal are that it will cost the taxpayers more money due to the cost of mail ballots and that unaffiliated voters may already declare a party affiliation prior to the caucuses if they wish to vote.

Additionally, under Proposition 107, unaffiliated voters could lose their votes, because on a combined ballot voters may only vote for one party's candidates. If unaffiliated voters choose to vote for more than one party, their votes may not count.

Furthermore, voters will be weighing Proposition 108 on the ballot this November. The Colorado 2016 State

Ballot Information Booklet states that if passed, Proposition 108 will "change the primary election process in Colorado to allow unaffiliated voters to vote in a non presidential primary election of a single political party, and allow political parties to opt out of holding a primary election and instead choose to nominate candidates by assembly or convention." While proponents argue that Proposition 108 will allow for greater representation of unaffiliated voters, those against Proposition 108 argue that, like Proposition 107, it may be too costly for taxpayers and could result in unaffiliated voters' votes not being counted.

Amendment U: taxes

Elisia Medina
STUDENT WRITER

This year on the ballot there are multiple amendments proposed to the Colorado State Constitution. Amendment U, according to the Colorado State Ballot Information Booklet, proposes to amend the Colorado Constitution, beginning in tax year 2018.

This would eliminate property taxes for individuals or businesses that use government-owned property for a private benefit worth \$6,000 or less in market value and beginning with tax year 2019, and every two years thereafter, adjust the \$6,000 exemption threshold to account for inflation. An example of this is a farmer who leases government land for cattle grazing. He would not have to pay property taxes.

People who are for this state that this would save local governments from spending more money than they

are receiving from the taxes, based on the cost of mailing notices, maintaining tax rolls, and collecting and enforcing the tax. The argument against is that the amendment provides an unfair tax break for individuals and businesses that used government-owned land for their private financial benefit.

Amendment 72: taxes

Espe Pinedo
STUDENT WRITER

According to the 2016 State Ballot Information Booklet of the State of Colorado, Amendment 72 proposes to "increase the state tax on a pack of cigarettes as well on other tobacco products." The money collected from taxes will be distributed for medical research and tobacco-use prevention programs. Amendment 72 will be voted on by Colorado residents who are registered to vote, on November 8 in Denver.

Arguments for this amendment are that there will be a reduction in the number of young users who smoke cigarettes or use tobacco products. The counter argument is that as more people quit smoking or quit using tobacco products, there is no need to increase tax in order to fund tobacco-use prevention programs.

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POLITICS: Around the

RU Debate Coach: "We've turned politics into reality TV"

Ford Mulligan
STUDENT WRITER

If you found yourself disappointed by the lack of substantive discussion thus far in the presidential and vice presidential debates of the past few weeks, you are not alone. Jon Denzler, communications professor at Regis and coach for the debate team, shares similar frustrations. While he did find the particular rhetorical tactics employed by the candidates interesting, he expressed a gloomier outlook when asked about the practice of presidential debates in general.

"To be honest, I think that the way we have debates is a bit of an outdated format," he told the Highlander in a series of post-debate interviews. Denzler believes that the true purpose of presidential debates as they currently exist is not necessarily to have in-depth arguments about specific policy

positions, but rather to get information about the candidates themselves to the general public. In that light, he says the better debate structure "...is probably the town hall style, where there's individual audience members asking questions, and the candidates have to respond to actual human beings."

For Denzler, this largely comes down to the way in which the candidates have been approaching debates over recent years. He says, "When we look to the presidential debates, they're often pre-canned speeches... I don't think an American politician is ever going to actually answer a question [any more]."

The debates, in other words, are no longer debates — they've become political theater. Expressing concern over this evolution in presidential politics, "I think that the candidate who runs a good campaign, is probably different from the entertainer who can do a good performance," Denzler says, "We've

turned politics into a reality TV show."

In his view, this emphasis on the theatrics distracts the public from larger problems plaguing our political system. "We've built these things up to be this spectacle and entertainment, rather than civil discourse on key issues facing our country," Denzler says.

It's not all doom and gloom, however. When asked whether the debates are ultimately good or bad for our political system, Denzler expressed some hope, provided we shift our attitudes towards the practice. "I think that debates could be good for us, but this idea that we have to pick a winner or loser is probably worse... [Presidential] debates aren't there to be won or lost. In terms of informing the public, it should be a debate where we as individuals determine which person appealed to us the most, not campaign surrogates telling us who won or lost."

Debate Team Breaks Down Key Issues by Candidate

Donald Trump on the Environment

•Make America energy independent, create millions of new jobs, and protect clean air and clean water.

•Declare American energy dominance a strategic economic and foreign policy goal of the United States. Unleash America's \$50 trillion in untapped shale, oil, and natural gas reserves, plus hundreds of years in clean coal reserves.

•Become, and stay, totally independent of any need to import energy from the OPEC cartel or any nations hostile to our interests.

•Open onshore and offshore leasing on federal lands, eliminate moratorium on coal leasing, and open shale energy deposits.

•Encourage the use of natural gas and other American energy resources that will both reduce emissions but also reduce the price of energy and increase our economic output.

•Rescind all job-destroying Obama executive actions. Mr. Trump will reduce and eliminate all barriers to responsible energy production, creating at least a half million jobs a year, \$30 billion in higher wages, and cheaper energy.

"The concept of global warming was created by and for the Chinese in order to make U.S. manufacturing non-competitive," says Trump.

For more information visit: http://www.ontheissues.org/Donald_Trump.htm

Jill Stein on the Environment

Jill Stein believes that "We are in a state of emergency that can be fixed by zeroing out fossil fuels by 2030."

Zeroing out fossil fuels is just one part of Stein's Power to the People Plan. This plan has a focus on the environment and the ultimate goal of protecting mother Earth. Under this plan, the United States lead on a global treaty to halt climate change. End destructive energy extraction: fracking, tar sands, offshore drilling, oil trains, mountaintop removal, and uranium mines. Stein aims to protect our public lands, water supplies, biological diversity, parks, and pollinators. Another aspect of the plan is to label GMOs, and put a moratorium on GMOs and pesticides until they are proven safe. Stein's goal is to protect the rights of future generations. As a Green Party candidate, Stein's positions on the economy are essential.

For more information visit: <http://2016.presidential-candidates.org/JStein/?on=health-care>



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Hillary Clinton on the Environment

•Generate enough renewable

energy to power every home in America, with half a billion solar panels installed by the end of Hillary's first term.

•Cut energy waste in American homes, schools, hospitals and offices by a third and make American manufacturing the cleanest and most efficient in the world.

•Reduce American oil consumption by a third through cleaner fuels and more efficient cars, boilers, ships, and trucks.

"I won't let anyone take us backward, deny our economy the benefits of harnessing a clean energy future, or force our children to endure the catastrophe that would result from unchecked climate change."

For more information visit: <https://www.hillaryclinton.com/issues/climate/>

Gary Johnson on the Environment

"We need to stand firm to protect our environment for our future generations, especially those designated areas of protection like our National Parks. Consistent with that responsibility, the proper role of government is to enforce reasonable environmental protections. Johnson does not, however, believe the government should be engaging in social and economic engineering

for the purpose of creating winners and losers in what should be a robust free market. Preventing a polluter from harming our water or air is one thing. Having politicians in Washington, D.C., acting on behalf of high powered lobbyists, determine the future of clean energy innovation is another," says Johnson's website.

According to Johnson, when it comes to the environment, the Federal government's responsibility is no different than in other aspects of our lives. Governmental responsibility exists simply to protect us from those who would do us harm and damage our property. There are bad actors who would pollute our water supplies and our air if allowed to do so, and we must have laws and regulations to protect innocent Americans from the harm those bad actors would do. However, common sense must prevail, and the costs of all regulations must be weighed against the benefits.

For more information visit: <https://www.johnsonweld.com>



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Local News

In The Streets of Denver

Alex Hartmann
STAFF REPORTER

In early 2016, US News announced that Denver was the best place to live in the United States due to its low unemployment rate and the overall quality of life. Of course no one who lived in Colorado was surprised to hear this news, nor was much of the rest of the country. Even before the article was published, Denver and the rest of Colorado was experiencing a tremendous amount of growth. In twelve short months Denver had a growth rate of 2.8%, the largest in the country, as people poured into the city in order to find the golden life that was promised. But for many on arrival the reality was far different than what the stories told. Despite the unemployment rate being incredibly low there simply is not enough housing, and even less affordable housing, for all of the newcomers. Although there new apartment buildings are going up all over Denver the construction is far slower than needed to house the growing population; in fact a recent study from the Denver Post claims that the State of Colorado needs more than 55,000 new

housing units in order to satisfy the current need. With housing in such high demand the cost of living has also skyrocketed with the average apartment in Denver costing nearly \$1500 a month, a price, which for many is simply unaffordable. The lack of housing paired with the

cost of the units available created a pressure cooker that has forced many from their homes.

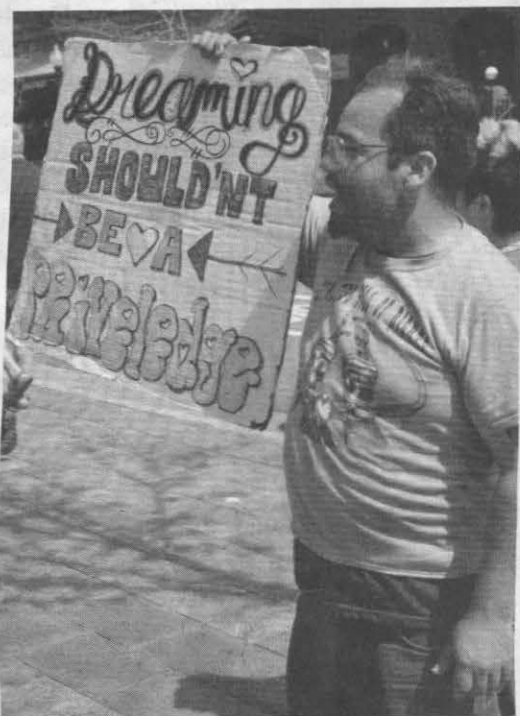
Ten years ago, Denver passed the "Denver's Road Home" initiative in an attempt to end homelessness in the Denver metro region but today, an estimated 6,100 people have no permanent

Denver and other cities around the nation.

Until there is a resolution between the number of people incoming, amount of housing available, and laws directed at the homeless those who have been forced from their homes, displaced citizens will continue to do the best with what they have. For many the camping ban has forced those without a home into areas that are hidden which can be unsafe for youth and women. Though there are homeless shelters throughout the Denver area they are filled to their limit due to the high demand. Stacy Parker from Denver Rescue Mission, stated that their housing program The Crossing currently has 100 families and individuals in permanent housing but there has been a waitlist to enter the program for several years and though they offer a place to sleep for over 300 men a night those on the waitlist and in the shelter do not have a stable roof over their head. For the lawmakers and supporters of the ban there is often a preconceived notion that the homeless population is made up of those simply too lazy to work but many homeless hold multiple jobs but simply can not make ends meeting due to the high cost of living in Denver. Shelters such as the Gathering Place, a daytime shelter for women and children offer services such as assistance with preparing for job interviews

or finishing a high school equivalency class in an attempt to help those they assist find a secure job that will provide enough income to find steady housing.

For many, the homeless are easy to overlook, especially with current laws driving them out of sight, out of mind. Until there is a balance between housing costs and newcomers there will continue to be a growing homeless population in Denver. While it is often easy to overlook this issue it is one that can not be ignored as it puts more and more people in potentially dangerous situations. Women, children, and men who are down on their luck are the ones forced to sleep in the cold or in their car or crowded in a family member's home. The only way they can get back on their feet is with the



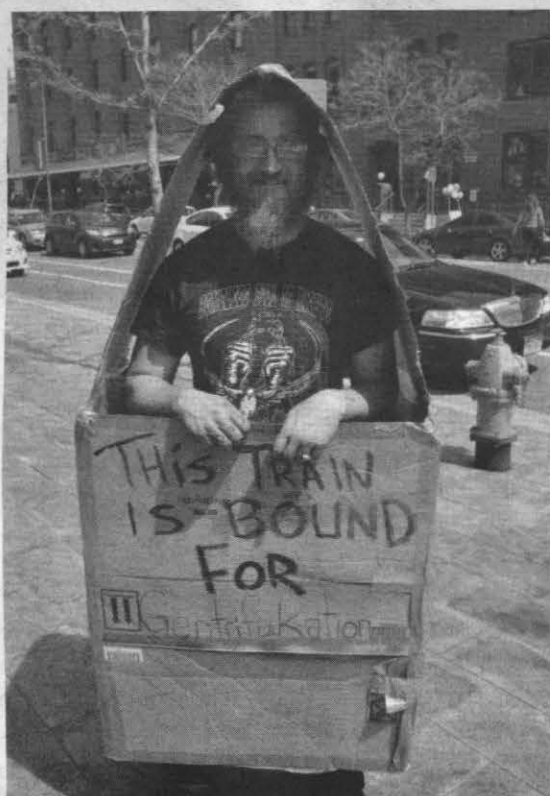
Pictured above: Jose
//Addison Callahan

housing. Denver has recently come under the national eye for controversial treatment to the homeless population: a tiny home encampment was torn down, an urban camping ban--that banned covered camping on the sidewalk or in other public areas--was passed, and the homeless population brought a lawsuit against Denver claiming that the public police sweeps and unjust treatment was a violation of basic human and civil rights. The results of this case can potentially have a huge impact on the treatment of the homeless in both

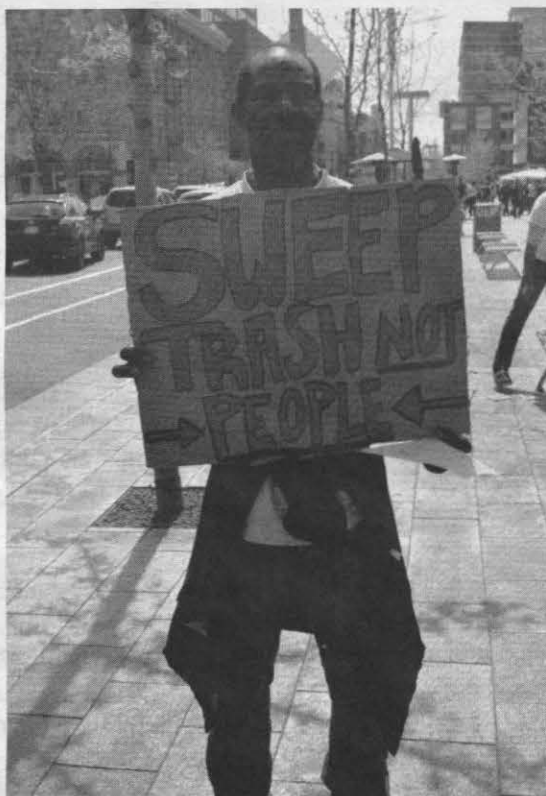


Pictured above: Dean and Tiffany
//Addison Callahan

genuine aid and concern of the rest of Denver's population. One way you can become involved with this issue is by contacting shelters in Denver like the Denver Rescue Mission, The Gathering Place, and Sox Place.



Pictured above: Marcus
//Addison Callahan



Pictured above: Jerry
//Addison Callahan



Pictured above: Mary Ann
//Addison Callahan

in Denver Community

I-70 Expansion and Effect

Elisa Medina
STAFF REPORTER

Traffic along Interstate 70 through metropolitan Denver is often challenging at best and, at worst, downright difficult to negotiate. Many people believe the best way to alleviate the congestion is to expand the highway, and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) recently received approval to do just that. The project – known as Central 70 – involves a 10-mile stretch of I-70 between Chambers Road and Interstate 25.

According to CDOT's website, four firms are currently bidding on the proposed project and, barring any significant hurdles, construction will begin in early 2018. According to John Murray of The Denver Post, initial plans call for adding one express lane on both the east and westbound lanes, replacing a 50-year-old viaduct through Denver's Elyria-Swansea neighborhood, and lowering the road between Brighton Boulevard and Colorado Boulevard.

The proposed expansion is not without its critics, however. Community members in Globeville,

Elyria-Swansea, and at Regis University have voiced concern over the impact to families, residences and businesses. Homes could be razed to accommodate the expansion, making relocation for many community members difficult.

According to Dr. Rocky Piro, a Regis Jesuit High School alumnus and Executive Director of UCD's Colorado Center for Sustainable Urbanism, the I-70 expansion is, "a travesty that the State of Colorado and the City of Denver should be humiliated to have even made public. Unfortunately, it demonstrates a blatant disregard for devastating the lives and well-being of children and families living in the mostly impoverished and Hispanic neighborhoods of Elyria-Swansea and Globeville."

Denver City Councilman Rafael Espinoza has also been vocal in his criticism of the project and its impact on the community. He recently applied for – and was ultimately denied – a federal examination of planned alternatives.

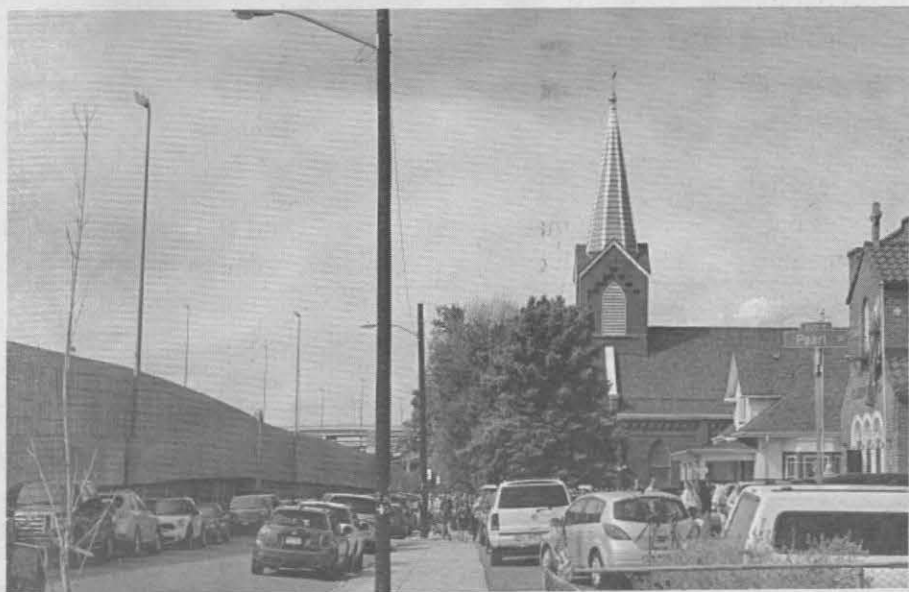
For more information about this project, please visit CDOT at <https://www.codot.gov>.



Street view of I-70
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Street view of Globeville
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What is Gentrification?

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Does Denver feel more crowded to you? In just 12 months, the city of Denver saw the population jump 1.89 percent from July 1, 2014 to July 1, 2015. US News and World Report voted Denver as the best place to live in America and people are flocking to our city and jobs are following in suit. The city seems to be erasing its brick laden history to be replaced with a shinier model. Highways are changing and the gentrification of neighborhoods seems unstoppable.

But what is gentrification, and why should you care about it? Merriam-Webster defines it as, "the process of renewal and rebuilding the influx of middle-class or affluent people into deteriorating areas." But of course an unsettling side effect is that in the process of gentrification poorer residents are displaced from their homes.

While gentrification is a sign of economic growth it sometimes just sweeps the real problems off to the side.

If smaller businesses and lower income families are shoved out by big business and wealthier residents then the people displaced are left without a solution to any of their problems. Not to mention the culture of some neighborhoods can be lost simply because people want to move to a "hip" place without any regards to its history.

However some see gentrification as a positive force in the community. It can lower crime rates and create more tax revenue.

"I used to tell my grandchildren, watch out for the needles, now I tell them: 'Don't step in the dog poop,'" said Michael Munoz a resident of the Sunnyside neighborhood in an interview with The Guardian.

Regardless of how you view the gentrification of neighborhoods, including the Highlands, it's important to be aware of its effects on not only yourself but your greater community as well as this remains a global trend.

Regis Travel

Regis Students Engage in Protest at Mexican Border

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This past Fall Break, the Center for Service Learning sent a Regis delegation of twelve students to Nogales, Arizona to partake in the School of the Americas Watch Encuentro: a protest of the militarization of the Mexican border. Faculty members Melissa Nix and Pablo Burson accompanied the students from the Center for Service Learning, along with Dr. Brian Drwecki of the Psychology Department. The Regis delegates joined hundreds of students, members of religious communities, veterans, and human rights activists for the weekend.

When they arrived on Friday, they visited Eloy Detention Center, one of the deadliest detention centers in the United States. They listened to stories of survivors and read a list of names of people who have lost their lives there. They also met organizers from Puente Movement, an Arizona-based organization that works for immigrants' rights.

On Saturday the students attended education-

al workshops that included topics such as the economics of immigration, the history of border militarization, and our treatment of immigrants post-9/11. They met with fellow student delegates from CU Denver and had a follow up

our conversation, someone referred to immigrants as 'illegals' and a CU Denver student interjected and said we should try not to refer to people that way, because no one is 'illegal.' She admitted that prior to the weekend she had also

used that term. I thought that was an interesting moment because it showed how immediate the transformation was for some people."

On Sunday, the students met up at the border once again and participated in an indigenous blessing and engaged in a direct action protest at a border checkpoint. Regis students were able to have a conversation with border control officers about their opinions on Arizona laws.

Members of the delegation are working on bringing their experiences back to Regis through crafting presentations to share with the community, so be on the lookout for those in the upcoming weeks.

For more information on this trip, visit <http://www.soaw.org/> or the Office of Service Learning in Main Hall room 214.



Regis students pose for a photo at the Mexican-US border in Nogales, Arizona
//Photo courtesy of Emely de Jesus

conversation about what they had learned from the workshops.

According to freshman Regi Worles, "During

Craving Colorado: Close to Campus

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STAFF REPORTER

You're here in Denver, Colorado; the colorful state, Bronco nation, the Mile-High City, but what can you do here at Regis University? Everything! In case you haven't heard there are several options to get out, experience, and make friends whether it's on campus or off. OAP is a fantastic organization that does day trips around Colorado and also over night excursions that range from little mountain

towns in CO to desert sands in Moab. You can find them online or in the Recreation Center. If something closer to home appeals to you more, Thursday Thrills are a fantastic way to see what our campus has to offer and meet new friends! They offer events in Walkers Pub like fun movies such as Finding Dory or crazy guests such as hypnotists and regurgitators. Be sure to check your email for information on weekly activities that will blow you away! The madness doesn't stop there. Regis also offers Weekend

Programming that takes students to different venues FOR FREE as long as you sign up before spaces are filled! Located in the student center, second floor, they give tickets to sporting games from hockey to baseball, Broadway plays, fascinating shows and concerts, mountain zoos and even go to amusement parks. So here you are, in a buzzing city located in an adventurous state ready to take on the world; don't let these opportunities pass you by!



MARKETING FOR SOCIAL CHANGE: THE UGANDA PROJECT

Tentative Dates:
MARCH 3-12

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Cost is dependent on number of students enrolled, but current estimate is \$1,200-\$1,800, plus airfare and incidentals. No extra tuition.

⇒ Marketing for Social Change examines the geographical, historical, political and economic antecedents of extreme poverty in Africa. It explores potential solutions from foreign aid and nonprofit work, to women's empowerment and social

enterprise. The course examines the relationships between various social and environmental issues such as poverty, environmental conservation, women's empowerment and other cultural topics.



DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT IN TAIWAN: History and Politics in a Global Powerhouse

Tentative Dates:
MARCH 3-11

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Dependent on number of students enrolled, but current estimate is \$1,500-\$1,700, plus airfare and incidentals. No extra tuition.

⇒ Taiwan provides students with an immersive experience in the history and culture of Taiwan, a key economic and political actor in world affairs. Through visits to important historical and political sites in Taiwan, readings and a research project, the course enables students to comprehend and

analyze the global forces that have shaped the politics and history of Taiwan, East Asia and the world. It also equips students with the skills and knowledge to understand why Taiwan plays such a crucial role in U.S. - China relations.